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Louisiana Division of the Arts

<http://www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/arts/grants/index>

The Louisiana Division of the Arts (LDOA) Statewide Grant Programs are key investments through grants for the presentation and creation of art and arts programs.

Statewide Grant Programs:

- Artist Career Advancement
- Decentralized Arts Funding (General Operating, Project & Technical Assistance)
- Regional Development Agency Performance Plan
- Special Initiatives
- Stabilization

Regional Arts Councils – Decentralized Arts Fund Program (DAF)

<http://www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/arts/grants/decentralized-funding/index>

The Louisiana Decentralized Arts Fund Program (DAF), initiated in 1995, makes the arts available in every parish in the State of Louisiana by providing grant funding for artists, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and local government agencies.

Funding is allocated to each parish on a per capita basis utilizing U.S. census figures, based on population. Contact the Community Development Coordinator in your region.

The Decentralized Arts Fund Program is designed to:

- Expand efforts to make the arts accessible to all parishes in Louisiana
- Award grants to eligible organizations located within the parish for which funds are designated

Foundation for Louisiana 225-383-1672

<http://www.foundationforlouisiana.org/>

Mission & Values The mission of the Foundation for Louisiana is to invest in people and practices that work to reduce vulnerability and build stronger, more sustainable communities statewide. The Foundations grant making, low-interest lending, convening and knowledge creation has one major goal: to increase economic opportunity among Louisiana's most vulnerable communities.

Baton Rouge Area Foundation 225-387-6126

<http://www.braf.org/>

The Foundation offers grants to nonprofits and scholarships to students. They are funded by people who have a desire to make the world a better place. Over nearly 50 years, philanthropists working with us have granted more than \$275 million in grants and scholarships. People and organizations have set up competitive grants with the Foundation. Nonprofits in our service area can apply for grants through our online system. Only nonprofits that are registered as 501(c)(3) corporations can apply for grants.

Greater New Orleans Foundation 504-598-4663

<https://www.gnof.org/>

Connecting donors to community needs, the GNOF seeks to create a resilient, sustainable, vibrant community in which individuals and families flourish and the special character of our

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region is preserved, celebrated, and supported. Recognizing that New Orleans is more than a city—it is an interconnected region—GNOF serves the surrounding parishes of Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington.

Community Foundation of North Louisiana 318-221-0582

<https://www.cfnla.org/>

The Foundation offers expertise and structure to assist individuals, families and businesses in effective giving of donors by gaining maximum tax advantages while addressing critical community needs. The funds managed by the Foundation are invested for the community's benefit and then are returned to the community in the form of grants to a wide variety of charitable endeavors, from the arts to education to the social service sector. The Foundation serves Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Ouachita, Red River, Sabine, Union or Webster parishes.

Community Foundation of Acadiana 337-769-4840

<http://www.cfacadiana.org/>

By investing in the communities we love, we can make a meaningful difference in the places where we live, work, and pursue our dreams. The Foundation believes philanthropists transform and sustain the quality of life in our communities. As the neutral convener, the Foundation can bring resources in the community together for greater and more far-reaching impact. The Foundation's primary service area includes the 8-parish region of south Louisiana including: Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion parishes.

Central Louisiana Community Foundation 318-445 7702

<http://www.clcf.net/>

The Central Louisiana Community Foundation is a local, private nonprofit organization that encourages effective giving from people who care about Central Louisiana and prudently invests these funds to increase the financial capacity for philanthropy across our region. The Foundation serves a 13-parish service area to promote charitable giving for the enhancement of the quality of life. Through donor advised funds and other Foundation resources, CLCF makes grants, establishes, builds, invests and stewards endowments so the work the community treasures can exist in perpetuity.

Community Foundation for Southwest Louisiana 337-491-6688

<http://www.foundationswla.org/>

The Community Foundation is governed by an independent board made up of leaders from across Southwest Louisiana dedicated to supporting projects that improve the quality of life or residents. The Foundation is like an investment bank for doing good. People open charitable accounts with community foundations, receive a tax deduction for their gifts to the accounts, and recommend grants that are supported from those accounts.

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Jazz and Heritage Community Partnership Grants 504-558-6100

<http://www.jazzandheritage.org/what-we-do/community-partnership-grants>

Offers grants of up to \$5,000 in four categories:

- **Jazz & Heritage *In-School* Education Programs in Music, Arts and Cultural Traditions.** Music and arts instruction that takes place at Louisiana K-12 schools *during the regular school day*. Schools may apply for money to pay for instruments/instrument repair, sheet music, art supplies or other needed materials. Only one application per school is allowed.
- **Jazz & Heritage *After-School and Summer* Education Programs in Music, Arts and Cultural Traditions.** After-school and summer educational arts programs offered by nonprofit organizations and Louisiana K-12 schools. Organizations may apply for money only to pay the professional service fees of the artists or educators who will do the instruction.
- **Jazz Journey Presenting: Festivals and Concerts in Music and Performing Arts.** Employment for Louisiana performing artists by providing funding to Louisiana-based nonprofit arts organizations that hire Louisiana-based musicians or other performing artists to perform at cultural events in the state. Only arts-based organizations in Louisiana may apply.
- **Jazz & Heritage Archive: Documentation and Preservation.** Creation, documentation or exhibition of art works that document or interpret the indigenous culture of Louisiana. Individuals and non-profits may apply. Priority will be given to Louisiana-based applicants.

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities 504-523-4352

<http://www.leh.org/>

The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities' mission is to provide all Louisianans with access to and an appreciation of their own rich, shared and diverse historical, literary and cultural heritage through grant-supported outreach programs, family literacy and adult reading initiatives, teacher professional development institutes, publications, film and radio documentaries, museum exhibitions, cultural tourism, public lectures, library projects, and other public humanities programming

The Platforms Fund – Antenna 504-298-3161

www.antenna.works

The Platforms Fund, a collaborative effort of Antenna, Ashé Cultural Arts Center, and Pelican Bomb in partnership with the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, announced an expansion of awards for the 2017-18 cycle. The Fund will distribute a total of \$60,000 in grants to a diverse array of artist-driven projects that are ambitious, accessible, and experimental in nature. The Fund will continue to grant project awards of up to \$5,000, while also providing new \$1,500 research and development grants for projects in their earliest stages. Research and development grantees will be eligible to apply for up to \$3,500 additional funds in the next grant cycle to help actualize their projects.

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Louisiana Recreational Trails Program 225-342-8111

<http://www.crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-parks/grant-opportunities-for-outdoor-recreation/recreational-trails/index>

The FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (RTPL) is a Federal-aid assistance program to help States provide and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trails use. The program provides funds for all kinds of recreational trail uses, such as pedestrian uses (hiking, running, wheelchair use), bicycling, in-line skating, equestrian use, off-road motorcycling, all-terrain vehicle riding, four-wheel driving, or using other off-road motorized vehicles

New York Foundation for the Arts – NYFA Source

<http://source.nyfa.org/content/search/search.aspx?SA=1>

NYFA Source lists over 12,000 awards, services and publications for individual artists and art professionals. Designed to "empower artists by providing them with complete and accurate information about resources that will facilitate their artistic work." More programs are added everyday.

Levitt Foundation

https://levitt.org/bring_levitt

Levitt's primary funding areas include permanent Levitt venues and the Levitt AMP [Your City] Grant Awards, an annual grants competition. Helping communities large and small take charge of their own cultural destinies - places where civic spirit, human connections and access to the arts are recognized as key ingredients for a healthy community. Grant offers provide an extraordinary opportunity to transform abandoned or underused public spaces into a vibrant community destinations. Email inquiry@levitt.org to learn more.

Community Development Block Grant Program 225 -342 - 7412

https://wwwcfprd.doa.louisiana.gov/LaServices/PublicPages/ServiceDetail.cfm?service_id=2284

The mission is to award and administer federal financial assistance to units of general local government in federally designated areas of the State to further develop communities by providing a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low to moderate income in accordance with federal statutory requirements. The GOAL is to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Louisiana - principally those of low and moderate income - through the implementation of sound management practices and the effective administration of the federal grant program.

National Association of Realtors – Placemaking Grants 202-383-1157

<http://www.realtoractioncenter.com/for-associations/smartgrowth/placemaking/placemaking-micro-grant.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

The Placemaking Grant's goal is to transform underused or unused public spaces into vibrant gathering places accessible to everyone in a community. It focuses on lighter, quicker, cheaper Placemaking projects, which are smaller, less inexpensive and incremental community projects. These smaller types of Placemaking projects can help to enhance a neighborhood and encourage additional public spaces to be created in a community.

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Lamar Foundation 225-924-3527

<http://lamarfamilyfoundation.org/>

Usually serves the greater Baton Rouge area. Open to all 501(c)(3) applicants, but generally restrict grants to stated areas of Interest: Education, Animal Welfare, Conservation of Natural & Historic Resources, Social Services, Arts& Culture.

Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation (LCEF) 504-895-2800

<http://culturaleconomy.org/>

LCEF is about strengthening the cultural sector and encouraging creatives to be healthy and sustainable. Healthy = smoke-free bars and clubs for performers throughout the state. Sustainable = having access to loans, grants, professional office space, mentors and business training. With offices in New Orleans and Lafayette, LCEF is a private, nonprofit organization serving creatives statewide. The [Catapult Fund](#) is a grant program to encourage small business growth and development.

ArtPlace America's National Grants 347-853-7818

<http://www.artplaceamerica.org>

ArtPlace America (ArtPlace) is a ten-year collaboration among a number of foundations, federal agencies, and financial institutions that works to position arts and culture as a core sector of comprehensive community planning and development in order to help strengthen the social, physical, and economic fabric of communities. grants@artplaceamerica.org

Our Town – National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) 202-682-5400

<http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction>

Supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create a distinct sense of place. - See more at: <http://arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction#sthash.RFdIP8Jx.dpuf>

The Kresge Foundation 248-643-9630

<http://kresge.org/opportunities>

Kresge programs have established specific objectives to advance programmatic goals. These objectives are called focus areas. It is through focus areas that grant opportunities are made available to grantseekers. Funding opportunities take three forms:

Open on an ongoing basis, without deadlines.

Open for a limited time, with specific deadlines.

By invitation from a Kresge program officer.

Kresge posts grant and social investment opportunities and announces them on the front page of the [website as Program Updates](#). You also may be notified of these opportunities by [subscribing to email alerts](#) or by following @kresgefdn on Twitter.

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Local Foods, Local Places (EPA) Smart Growth 202-566-2878

<http://www2.epa.gov/smart-growth/local-foods-local-places>

Local Foods, Local Places helps cities and towns across the country protect the environment and human health by engaging with local partners to reinvest in existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. It supports locally led, community-driven efforts to protect air and water quality, preserve open space and farmland, boost economic opportunities for local farmers and businesses, improve access to healthy local food, and promote childhood wellness.

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Program

Department of Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

[Choice Neighborhoods](#) eligible applicants are Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), local governments, tribal entities, nonprofits, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity. See Sections I.C, III.A.1, and III.C.2 for additional information related to Eligible Applicants.

[Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants](#) support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing; 2. People: Improve educational outcomes and intergenerational mobility for youth with services and supports delivered directly to youth and their families; and 3. Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity. To achieve these core goals, communities must develop and implement a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan.

Delta Regional Authority 662-624-8600

<http://dra.gov/about-dra/mission-and-vision>

The main investment tool used by the DRA is the States' Economic Development Assistance Program ([SEDAP](#)), and an additional funding pathway, the Community Infrastructure Fund launched in 2016, supplements SEDAP with direct investment into community infrastructure needs. These investments directly support DRA's funding priorities. To apply for funding, you must create an account, visit <http://funding.dra.gov/login> in 2017 the DRA initiated a Creative Placemaking grant program, check the website for requirements, cycles and deadlines.

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Programs (RBEG)

Business and Cooperative Programs — Department of Agriculture

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

[USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant Programs \(RBEG\)](#) start date 2009, no end date, cannot tell if this opportunity is ongoing.

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RSVP Competition-Corporation for National and Community Service

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/>

Established in 1971 and now one of the largest senior volunteer programs in the nation, RSVP offers a diverse range of volunteer activities that serve communities to create measurable impact, benefit volunteers through the service experience, and create community capacity. RSVP volunteers serve with commitments ranging from a few hours to 40 hours per week. CNCS seeks to increase the impact of national service in 270 specific communities across the country. CNCS intends to fund RSVP grants that support volunteers 55 years and older serving in a diverse range of activities that meet specific community needs and that respond to National Performance Measures. Louisiana- la@cns.gov

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01)

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

National Institutes of Health — Department of Health and Human Services

The goal is to encourage the understanding and promoting health literacy– the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-130.html>

Planning Program and Local Technical Assistance Program

Economic Development Administration — Department of Commerce

<http://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>

Planning and Local Technical Assistance programs under the EDA assist eligible recipients in creating regional economic development plans designed to stimulate and guide the economic development. EDA provides Partnership Planning grants to the designated planning organization (e.g., District Organization) serving EDA-designated Economic Development, and helps support planning organizations, including District Organizations, Indian Tribes, and other eligible Recipients, with Short Term and State Planning investments designed to guide the eventual creation and retention of higher-skill, higher-wage jobs, particularly for the unemployed and underemployed in the Nation's most economically distressed regions.

Funds for Innovative Organizations in Louisiana and New Mexico 505-986-0208

[The Frost Foundation](#)

The Frost Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations in the states of Louisiana and New Mexico. The Foundation's areas of grantmaking interest include education, human service needs, and the environment. The Foundation's efforts are directed primarily to supporting exemplary organizations that can generate positive change beyond traditional boundaries, to encouraging creativity that recognizes emerging needs, and to assisting innovation that addresses current urgent problems. Priority is given to programs that have the potential for wider service or educational exposure than an individual community. The application deadlines are June 1 and December 1, annually.

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Annie E Casey Foundation

<http://www.aecf.org/>

The Annie E. Casey Foundation focuses on strengthening families, building stronger communities and ensuring access to opportunity, because children need all three to succeed. We advance research and solutions to overcome the barriers to success, help communities demonstrate what works and influence decision makers to invest in strategies based on solid evidence. A private philanthropy based in Baltimore and working across the country, we make grants that help federal agencies, states, counties, cities and neighborhoods create more innovative, cost-effective responses to the issues that negatively affect children: poverty, unnecessary disconnection from family and communities with limited access to opportunity. Our grant-making strategies are focused on policies and practices that improve the outcomes of kids, families, communities and reform-minded leaders.

Mellon Foundation 212-838-8400

<https://mellon.org/grants/>

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation supports a wide range of initiatives to strengthen the humanities, arts, higher education, and cultural heritage. Organizations in those fields can consult descriptions of the Foundation's areas of grantmaking to determine whether a project fits within the Foundation's programmatic interests and mission.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 800-229-1904

<http://www.rwjf.org/>

Working to transform small towns and large cities into places where healthier choices are easy for everyone to make. The foundation funds program and policy initiatives in four areas which are each critical to health equity: Health Systems, Healthy Children—Healthy Weight, Healthy Communities, and Health Leadership.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Smart Growth, <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/epa-smart-growth-grants-and-other-funding>

The Office of Sustainable Communities occasionally offers grants to support activities that improve the quality of development and protect human health and the environment. In addition to grants, EPA's Smart Growth Program sometimes offers technical assistance to communities—[technical assistance programs](#). The EPA produces publications to assist communities with smart growth development, such as [This is Smart Growth](#).

Americans for the Arts (AFTA)

AFTA is not a granting organization but has a comprehensive bank of information and resources to assist local communities and organizations in identifying funding sources and ways to strengthen grant applications.

Grantmaking Resources, <http://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/grantmaking>
Arts and Economic Prosperity 5, <http://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/research-studies-publications/arts-economic-prosperity-5> AFTA's fifth study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry's impact on the economy. Nationally, the nonprofit arts and

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culture industry generated \$166.3 billion of economic activity during 2015. This activity supported 4.6 million jobs and generated \$27.5 billion in revenue to local, state, and federal governments (a yield well beyond their collective \$5 billion in arts allocations).

Business Support for the Arts, <http://www.americansforthearts.org/news-room/press-releases/businesses-are-looking-towards-the-arts-for-employee-engagement-and-creativity-according-to-new>

Local Sponsors and Benefactors

[United Way](#)—10 regional office dedicated to supporting local needs

Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Lowes, Stines

Local Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Financial Institutions

Corporate and Industry Sponsors